

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
BUREAU OF REGULATORY SERVICES**

In re: Sylvia Torres, H.C.

Petition No. 2000-1206-020-027

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Sylvia Torres of Stamford (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 045963 to practice hairdressing and cosmetology by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 387 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Department alleges that:

1. During 2000, Respondent owned Why Not Sylvia's Beauty Salon, Stamford, Connecticut.
2. During 2000 Arturo Bahenia was an employee at Why Not Sylvia's Beauty Salon and performed hairdressing, including cutting clients' hair.
3. Arturo Bahenia has at no time been issued a license to perform hairdressing and cosmetology in Connecticut by the Department.
4. The above described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-263.

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest the above allegations of wrongdoing but, while admitting no guilt or wrongdoing, agrees that for purposes of this or any future proceedings before the Connecticut Examining Board for Barbers,

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Hairdressers and Cosmeticians (hereinafter "the Board"), this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to §§19a-10 and 19a-14 and 20-263 of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §§19a-14 and 19a-17 and 20-263 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. Respondent waives her right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. Respondent's license number 045963 to practice as a hairdresser and cosmetician in the State of Connecticut is hereby reprimanded.
3. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of Two Hundred dollars (\$200.00) by certified or cashier's check payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut." The check shall reference the Petition Number on the face of the check, and shall be payable at the time respondent submits the executed Consent Order to the Department.
4. Respondent agrees to cease and desist having unlicensed persons performing licensed services at her salon.
5. All correspondence and reports are to be addressed to:

Bonnie Pinkerton, Nurse Consultant
Department of Public Health
Division of Health Systems Regulation
410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12HSR
P.O. Box 340308
Hartford, CT 06134-0308

6. Respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to her licensure.
7. Respondent shall pay all costs necessary to comply with this Consent Order.
8. Any alleged violation of any provision of this Consent Order may result in the following procedures at the discretion of the Department:

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- a. The Department shall notify respondent in writing by first-class mail that the term(s) of this Consent Order have been violated, provided that no prior written consent for deviation from said term(s) has been granted.
 - b. Said notification shall include the acts or omission(s) which violate the term(s) of this Consent Order.
 - c. Respondent shall be allowed fifteen (15) days from the date of the mailing of notification required in paragraph 8a above to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department that she has complied with the terms of this Consent Order or, in the alternative, that she has cured the violation in question.
 - d. If respondent does not demonstrate compliance or cure the violation by the limited fifteen (15) day date certain contained in the notification of violation to the satisfaction of the Department, she shall be entitled to a hearing before the Board which shall make a final determination of the disciplinary action to be taken.
 - e. Evidence presented to the Board by either the Department or respondent in any such hearing shall be limited to the alleged violation(s) of the term(s) of this Consent Order.
9. In the event respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, respondent agrees immediately to refrain from practicing as a hairdresser and cosmetologist, upon request by the Department, for a period not to exceed 30 days. During that time period, respondent further agrees to cooperate with the Department in its investigation of the violation. Respondent further agrees that failure to cooperate with the Department in its investigation during said 45 day period shall constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of respondent's license. In any such summary action, respondent stipulates that her failure to cooperate with the Department's investigation shall constitute an admission

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that her conduct constitutes a clear and immediate danger as required pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, sections 4-182(c) and 19a-17(c).

10. In the event respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, said violation may also constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of her license before the Board.
11. In the event respondent is not employed as a hairdresser and cosmetologist for periods of thirty (30) consecutive days or longer, or is employed as a hairdresser and cosmetologist less than twenty (20) hours per week, or is employed outside of the State of Connecticut, respondent shall notify the Department in writing.
12. Legal notice shall be sufficient if sent to respondent's last known address of record reported to the Licensure and Registration Section of the Division of Health Systems Regulation of the Department.
13. This Consent Order is effective on the first day of the month immediately following the date this Consent Order is accepted and ordered by the Board.
14. Respondent agrees that this Consent Order shall be deemed a public document, and the Department's allegations as contained in this Consent Order shall be deemed true in any subsequent proceeding before the Commission in which her compliance with this Consent Order or with §20-263 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue.
15. Any extension of time or grace period for reporting granted by the Department shall not be a waiver or preclude the Department from taking action at a later time. The Department shall not be required to grant future extensions of time or grace periods.
16. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Further, this Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of

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Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any rights that she may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.

17. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.
18. Respondent permits a representative of the Legal Office of the Bureau of Regulatory Services to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Board. Respondent understands that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether this executed Consent Order is approved or accepted.
19. Respondent understands and agrees that she is responsible for satisfying all of the terms of this Consent Order during vacations and other periods in which she is away from her residence.
20. Respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.

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I, Sylvia Torres, have read the above Consent Order, and I stipulate and agree to the terms as set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

Sylvia Torres
Sylvia Torres

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of September 2001.

State of Connecticut
Commissioner of the Superior Court
Alex J. Martinez
Juris # 410536

Notary Public or person authorized by law to administer an oath or affirmation

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 24th day of September 2001, it is hereby accepted.

Debra Turcotte
Debra Turcotte, Director
Division of Health Systems Regulation

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS AND COSMETICIANS on the 26th day of September 2001, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

Kathleen F. Kerian
Connecticut Examining Board for Barbers,
Hairdressers and Cosmeticians

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